APOCALYPTIC HORSEPLAY

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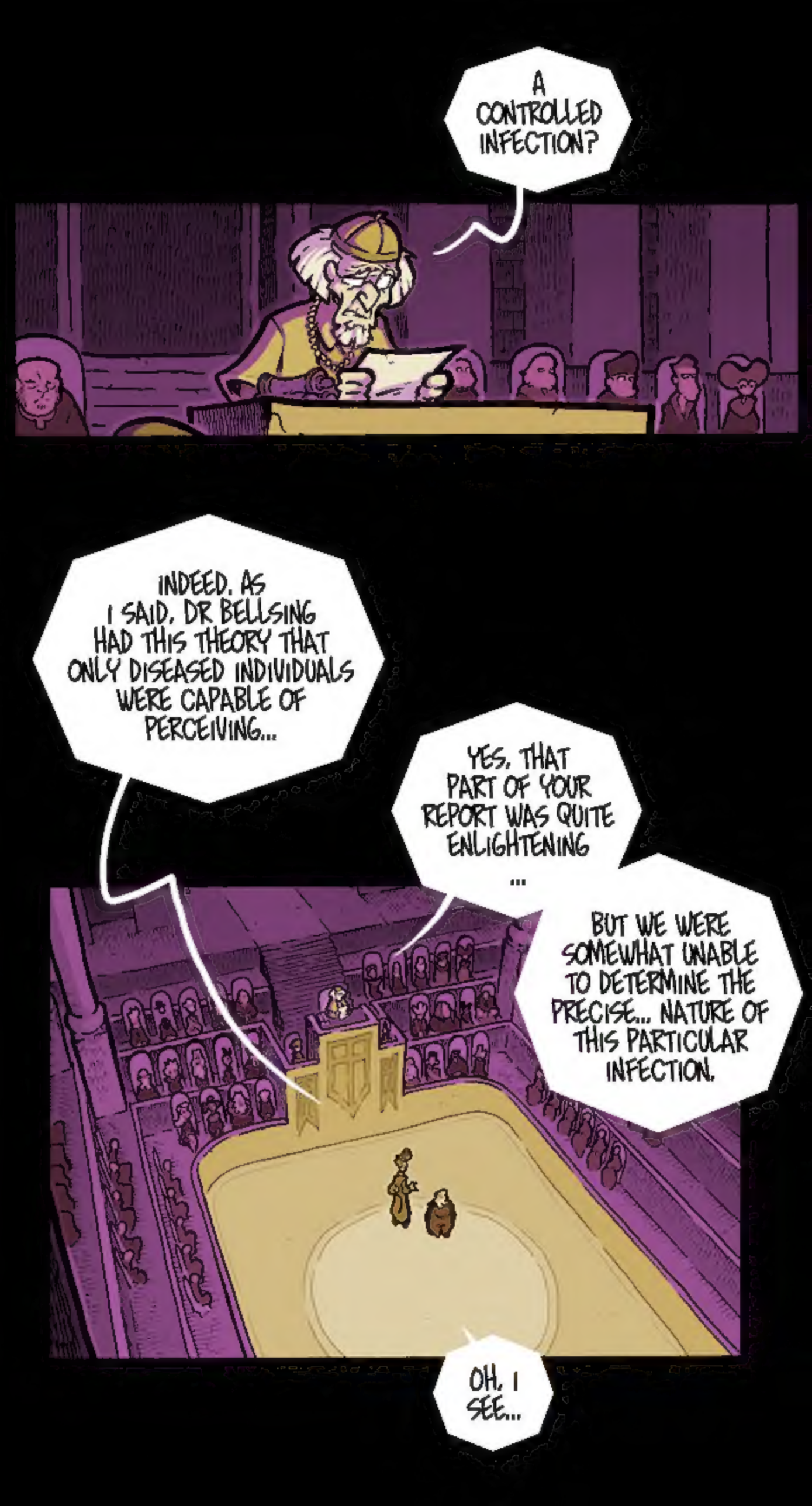
A CONTROLLED INFECTION?
INDEED. AS I SAID, DR BELLSING HAD THIS THEORY THAT ONLY DISEASED INDIVIDUALS WERE CAPABLE OF PERCEIVING...
YES, THAT PART OF YOUR REPORT WAS QUITE ENLIGHTENING ...
BUT WE WERE SOMEWHAT UNABLE TO DETERMINE THE PRECISE... NATURE OF THIS PARTICULAR INFECTION.
OH, I SEE...

IT WAS... HEM... PROFESSIONAL.

I... YES, I'M SURE IT WAS.

BUT MORE SPECIFICALLY, HOW DID HE...

WITH ALL DUE RESPECT HIGH COUNCILOR, I DON'T THINK THIS ASPECT OF THE INCIDENT IS RELEVANT AT THE MOMENT.

LET'S CIRCLE BACK TO THE MATTER AT HAND, SHALL WE?

YOUR REPORT STATES THAT, AS A RESULT OF SAID INFECTION, YOU AND DOCTOR BELLSING WITNESSED THE APPEARANCE OF A SMALL GREEN SKINNED CREATURE YOU BELIEVED TO BE ONE OF THE HORSEMEN.

SOON AFTER, YOU WERE BOTH POSSESSED BY A VIOLENT FRENZY AND ATTACKED EACH OTHER. ONLY TO BE MYSTERIOUSLY CURED OF IT AT THE CRACK OF DAWN. IS THAT CORRECT?

ESSENTIALLY. YES.

THEN LET ME ASK YOU THIS:

HAVE EITHER OF YOU CONSIDERED THE POSSIBILITY YOU WERE SIMPLY FEVERISH, OR DARE I SAY... INEBRIATED?

AFTER ALL, YOU DID BEGIN THIS INVESTIGATION AT THE LOCAL PUB.

NATURALLY THE THOUGHT LATER CROSSED OUR MIND, COUNCILOR

BUT WHEN I TOOK UPON MYSELF TO HAVE OUR SPECIALISTS EXAMINE THE WEAPON I WAS SO CONVENIENTLY PROVIDED DURING OUR STRUGGLE, THEY MADE A SIGNIFICANT DISCOVERY.

THIS PARTICULAR SWORD, ALSO KNOWN AS A KHOPESH, IS AN ACTUAL RELIC WHICH MAY HAVE BELONGED TO THUTMOSE III, ONE OF THE MOST AGGRESSIVE CONQUERORS OF ANCIENT EGYPT.

WE BELIEVE THIS MAY HAVE BEEN PART OF THE HORSEMEN'S MEMORABILIA, SPECIFICALLY THE...

I'M SORRY FATHER MATTHEW, BUT WE MUST ADJOURN THE HEARING.

I JUST GOT WORD THAT THREE OF OUR AGENTS IN SPAIN ARE NOW REPORTED MISSING.

PLEASE, YOU MUST ALLOW US TO DISPATCH FORCES IN BERKSHIRE! WE NEED TO FOLLOW THE TRAIL OF THESE MONSTERS BEFORE THEY SCATTER OUT OF REACH!

I'M AFRAID THAT WON'T BE POSSIBLE.

MOST OF OUR AGENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE SEARCH OF THE CHILD, AND IN THE ABSENCE OF SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE, THE COUNCIL CANNOT AFFORD TO DISPATCH FURTHER RESOURCES ON YOUR CASE.

BUT... VHAT ABOUT ZE PATHOGEN CONTAINMENT UNITS ?!
YES, AND THE BOOKS!
THERE WERE SO MANY BOOKS, SOME OF THEM THOUSANDS OF YEARS OLD!

A FEW ODDITIES AND COLLECTOR'S ITEMS ARE NOT GOING TO CHANGE MY DECISION, GENTLEMEN.

UNTIL YOU CAN PROVIDE US WITH CONCRETE PROOF OF ONGOING SUPERNATURAL ACTIVITY....

...I'M AFRAID YOU'LL HAVE TO MAKE DO WITH THE RESOURCES YOU'VE ALREADY BEEN PROVIDED.

WAIT, HOLD ON.

MASTER OZZAM, I UNDERSTAND SEVERAL OF YOUR OWN AGENTS WERE INVOLVED IN THIS INVESTIGATION?

YES, THAT IS CORRECT.

DID ANY OF THEM RETURN WITH EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT DR BELLSING AND FATHER MATTHEW'S THEORIES?

EVIDENCE? HM...

NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE, NO.